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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. SERIES OF MEETINGS ON PUBLIC ORDER QUESTION OF HEADS OF FOUR PARTIES WHICH SUPPORT THE CURRENT CENTER LEFT COALITION ENDED MARCH 27. A NUMBER OF DECISIONS AFFECTING THE FEDERATION CGIL-CISL-UIL (CGU) CAMPAIGN TO UNIONIZE THE NATIONAL POLICE FORCE WERE MADE. IT WAS AGREED, INTERALIA, THAT A NUMBER OF POLICE DEMANDS FOR IMPROVED WAGES AND WORK CONDITIONS WOULD BE MET. AUTHORITY WAS DELEGATED TO INTERIOR MINISTER GUI TO RE-ORGANIZE THE POLICE FORCE AND ESTABLISH A POLICEMEN'S CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO STRIKE. END SUMMARY.

2. A DRAFT LAW IS TO BE PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT REQUESTING A 60,000 LIRE PER MONTH (RNE DOLLAR EQUALS 630 LIRE) PAY INCREASE FOR POLICE RETROACTIVE TO FEBRUARY 1. MINIMUM POLICE PENSIONS ARE TO INCREASE FROM 30,000 TO 50,000 LIRE. OTHER SERVICE BENEFITS ARE ALSO TO BE IMPROVED.

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3. IN RETURN FOR CONCESSIONS ON QUESTIONS AFFECTING POLICE CONDUCT IN HANDLING DEMONSTRATIONS, THE SOCIALISTS RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED GUI'S SUGGESTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOME FORM OF CONSULTATIVE REPRESENTATION WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO STRIKE. LEADERS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY, HOWEVER, HAVE SINCE RE-AFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE PRESSURE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLICEMEN'S UNION. THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CGIL ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOCIALISTS ON THIS QUESTION. THE POSITION OF THE OTHER TWO LABOR CONFEDERATIONS, CISL AND UIL, IS MORE AMBIGUOUS. IN A RECENT MAGAZINE INTERVIEW, FOR EXAMPLE, LUIGI MACARIO, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF CISL STATED THAT WHILE HIS CONFEDERATION IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN UNIONIZING THE POLICE FORCE, THE RIGHT TO STRIKE SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN TO THE POLICE SINCE THEIRS IS "AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE WHICH MUST FUNCTION AT ALL TIMES." THE LEADER OF THE CISL MINORITY, VITO SCALIA, SEES POLICE UNIONIZATION IN THE CONTEXT OF LABOR UNITY, AS A POSSIBLE TOOL OF THE COMMUNISTS FOR OBTAINING POWER. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE METAL INDUSTRY WORKERS OF ALL THREE CONFEDERATIONS INCLUDING CISL AND UIL, HAVE DIRECTLY INTERVENED TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO UNIONIZE.

4. COMMENT: CLEARLY, THE LAST WORD HAS NOT YET BEEN SAID ON THE QUESTION OF POLICE UNIONIZATION IN ITALY. IN ADDITION TO THE CONFLICTING TRENDS WITHIN THE ITALIAN LABOR MOVEMENT IN GENERAL, IT ALSO REFLECTS SERIOUS DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE GOVERNING CENTER LEFT COALITION, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOCIALISTS AND THEIR THREE PARTNERS. FOR THE MOMENT THE UNIONS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE AS CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER THE POLICE FORCE MAY GAIN THE RIGHT TO STRIKE AS THEY ARE IN WINNING THE TACIT ALLEGIANCE AND SYMPATHY OF POLICEMEN. BEAUDRY

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